

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 23 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An interlocking stand for storing and charging a rechargeable appliance, the stand comprising:

means for supporting the appliance for storage;

at least one electrical contact inside said supporting means for connection to the appliance;

means for providing power to said at least one electrical contact; and

means for interlocking said stand with another stand;

wherein said means for interlock is disposed on two sides of the stand, and said means for interlock is the same on both said sides.

2. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein said supporting means includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab disposed on said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

3. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein said supporting means includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole disposed on said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

4. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein said supporting means includes a base and a cradle secured to said base.

5. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 4 wherein said base and said cradle form a docking recess for the appliance.

6. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 1 wherein the appliance is one of a hair trimmer and a hair clipper.

7. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 2 wherein said base includes two edges, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab disposed along at least one of said edges.

8. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 3 wherein said base includes two edges, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole disposed along at least one of said edges.

9. (Currently Amended) A set of interlocking stands for storing and charging rechargeable appliances, the set comprising:

at least two stands configured to receive the rechargeable appliances;

means associated with said stands for supporting the appliances for storage;
at least one electrical contact inside said supporting means for connection
to the appliances;

means for providing power to said at least one electrical contact; and

means for interlocking one of said stands with another stand;

wherein each of the stands is configured to be powered directly.

10. (Currently Amended) The set of interlocking stands of claim 9
wherein a first stand of said plurality of stands includes a base, and said interlocking
means comprises at least one tab disposed on said base and configured to engage another
of said stands.

11. (Original) The set of interlocking stands of claim 10 wherein a
second stand of said plurality of stands includes a base, and said interlocking means
comprises at least one hole disposed on said base and configured for receiving said at
least one tab of said first stand.

12. (Original) The set of interlocking stands of claim 11 wherein said
bases are configured so that upon said interlocking engagement, upper surfaces of said
first and second stands are generally flush with each other.

13. (Original) The set of interlocking stands of claim 9 wherein said supporting means includes a base and a cradle secured to said base.

14. (Currently Amended) An interlocking stand for storing an appliance, the stand comprising:

means for supporting the appliance for storage; and

means for interlocking the stand with another stand;

wherein said means for interlocking is disposed on two sides of the stand,
and said means for interlocking is the same on both said sides.

15. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said means for interlocking is configured so that when said stand is interlocked with the other stand, upper surfaces of said stand and the other stand are generally flush.

16. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said supporting means includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab disposed on said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

17. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said supporting means includes a base having at least one side edge having a lateral detent configured for engaging a complementary lateral detent of the other stand.

18. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 17 further including at least one tab depending from an edge of said detent.

19. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 14 wherein said supporting means includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole disposed on said base and configured to engage another interlocking stand.

20. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 19 wherein said supporting means includes a base having at least one side edge having a lateral detent configured for engaging a complementary lateral detent of the other stand.

21. (Original) The interlocking stand of claim 20 further including at least one hole located in said detent.

22. (Currently Amended) A set of interlocking stands for storing an appliance, the set comprising:

at least two stands configured to receive the appliance;

means for supporting the appliance for storage; and

means for interlocking one of the stands with another stand;

wherein each of the stands is configured to be powered directly.

23. (Original) The set of interlocking stands of claim 22 wherein said first stand includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one tab disposed on said base and configured to engage another of said stands.

24. (Original) The set of interlocking stands of claim 22 wherein said first stand includes a base, and said interlocking means comprises at least one hole disposed on said base and configured to engage another of said stands.

25. (Original) The set of interlocking stands of claim 22 wherein said first stand includes a detent and at least one hole provided on said detent, and wherein another of said stands has a detent edge and at least one tab disposed on said detent edge to form said interlocking relationship between said stands.